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SUBJECT: SOUTHERN AFRICA: LETTER FOR SECRETARY FROM
PRESIDENT KAUNDA

1. PRESIDENT KAUNDA HAS ASKED THE
EMBASSY TO TRANSMIT FOLLOW-
ING MESSAGE DATED AUGUST 13 TO SECRETARY KISSINGER:

QTE DEAR MR. SECRETARY OF STATE:

QTE I WOULD LIKE TO THANK YOU FOR YOUR RECENT MESSAGES ON
SOUTHERN AFRICA. I DEEPLY APPRECIATE YOUR KEEPING ME FULLY
INFORMED ABOUT YOUR ENDEAVOURS TO FIND A JUST AND LASTING
SOLUTION TO THE VIOLENT CONFLICT IN THIS REGION. YOUR
BOSTON SPEECH TO THE NATIONAL URBAN LEAGUE IS ANOTHER
TESTIMONY OF YOUR COMMITMENT TO THE PRINCIPLES OF FREEDOM
AND JUSTICE WHICH ARE THE BEST FOUNDATION FOR DURABLE PEACE
IN THE WORLD. HAVING GONE THIS FAR, I CAN ONLY URGE YOU
AND PRESIDENT FORD TO COMPLETE THE TASK. I BELIEVE THAT
DESPITE THE DIFFICULTIES IN OUR WAY AND WHILE THE GUERRILLA
WAR IS ESCALATING, THERE IS A BETTER CHANCE OF ENDING THE
GHASTLY CONFLICT AND PAVING THE WAY TO MAJORITY RULE IN
RHODESIA AND NAMIBIA. THIS IS THE ONLY ANSWER TO ENDING
THE WAR.

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QTE THE CURRENT EVENTS IN SOUTH AFRICA ARE ONLY TO BE

EXPECTED. THE VIOLENT ERUPTION COULD NOT POSSIBLY BE POSTPONED INDEFINITELY NO MATTER THE AMOUNT OF REPRESSION MAY BE. IT IS MOST UNFORTUNATE. HOWEVER, THE PRICE OF PEACE WILL CONTINUE TO RISE UNLESS THE SOUTH AFRICANS FACE THE REALITIES OF TODAY'S WORLD.

QTE I AM GLAD TO HEAR THAT YOU ARE MAKING SOME PROGRESS. I DO HOPE THAT THE SOUTH AFRICAN GOVERNMENT SEE SENSE IN ENDING THEIR RULE IN NAMIBIA. THEY LOST A CHANCE OF WITHDRAWING WITH A SEMBLANCE OF HONOUR. I CAN, THEREFORE, ONLY WISH YOU THE VERY BEST.

QTE AS YOU WILL HAVE KNOWN BY NOW, THROUGH YOUR CHARGE D'AFFAIRES IN LUSAKA, I WILL BE GLAD TO RECEIVE UNDER SECRETARY WILLIAM ROGERS AND AMBASSADOR SCHAUFFELE ON THE EVENING OF AUGUST 25, 1976. I VERY MUCH LOOK FORWARD TO THE DISCUSSIONS WITH THEM.

QTE WITH GOD'S BLESSINGS.

QTE YOURS SINCERELY,

QTE KENNETH KAUNDA

QTE PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF ZAMBIA END QTE
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